

# EXHIBIT A

## S. Donald Friedman

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Trustee for Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC  
Claims Processing Center  
2100 McKinney Ave., Suite 800  
Dallas, TX 75201

June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Dear Mr. Picard,

I am writing to you regarding our investments with Bernard L. Madoff Securities.

I have been investing with Bernard L. Madoff more than 30 years. As you can see from the attached info, during that time I invested substantial sums with him.

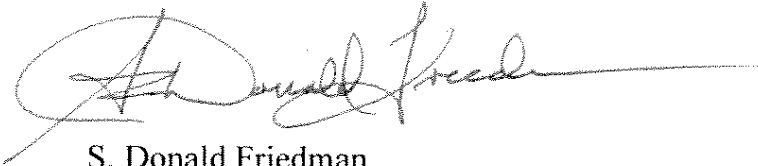
As the attached CV chronicles, I have had a long and wonderful career as a commercial real estate broker. I put the earnings of my life's work with Bernie Madoff and believed, until December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009, that I had provided for my wife and children in a meaningful way. Over the years, earnings from my commissions, the sale of my firm and financings of various properties I have owned all went to Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities.

Now, I am 77 years old and I am destitute. We are living on Social Security, and generous loans from friends. We will have to sell our homes because, as mentioned above, we invested the mortgage proceeds with Bernie.

We will then have precious little to support us for the rest of our lives. Our only hope of a slightly better outcome is if we were to receive payment on the applications enclosed here with from SIPC funds.

I cannot find meaningful work. I am running out of friends who can help us. The sale of our properties is mired in the poor sales market that exists. If our claims are not accepted and paid, what are we to do?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "S. Donald Friedman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

S. Donald Friedman

Curriculum Vitae  
S. DONALD FRIEDMAN

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For more than 45 years, S. Donald Friedman has been a leading New York City commercial real estate broker, and, for most of this period, an owner of the prominent commercial real estate brokerage firm with which he has been associated.

For his entire professional life, his income has been derived almost exclusively from commissions generated by his brokerage activities and those of the firms in which he has been a principal.

Professional History

2006-present General Investors Corp. – Founder, Principal Shareholder, CEO  
2003-2006 The Carl Marks Consulting Group – Consultant  
2000-2003 Edward S. Gordon Company – Managing Director  
1964-1999 Huberth & Huberth, Inc. then Huberth & Peters, Inc. – Director, Senior Executive  
Vice President and 3<sup>rd</sup> largest shareholder  
1962-1964 Brevoort Associates -- Principal  
1960-1962 Cushman & Wakefield, Inc. -- Leasing-broker-in-training

Professional Recognition

The Real Estate Board of New York has twice recognized Mr. Friedman with its Most Ingenious Deal of the Year Award, the commercial brokerage industry's most prestigious and coveted honor – in 1980 and 1985.

Professional Service

REBNY Ethics and Professional Practices Committee 1975–present  
REBNY Arbitration Committee 1975–1988  
REBNY Times Square, Plaza District, and Grand Central Rental Conditions Committees  
1972-1986  
American Arbitration Association

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Selected Tenant/Clients

Mr. Friedman has represented hundreds of tenants, including

*Major corporations:*

American Airlines  
Avon  
Bantam Doubleday Dell  
BBDO  
Christie's  
Coca-Cola  
Columbia Pictures  
Equitable Life

General Mills  
ITT  
Stillwater Capital Corp.  
TransWorld Airlines  
United Artists/MGM

*Banks:*

Brooklyn Savings Bank  
Chase Manhattan Bank  
Crossland Savings Bank  
East New York Savings Bank  
Franklin National Bank  
Fulton Savings Bank

*Law firms:*

Aranow Brodsky Einhorn & Dann  
Clarence S. Barasch  
Lionel A. Barasch  
Davis & Gilbert  
Kaye Scholer  
Reavis & McGrath

Selected Owners/Developers

He has worked with these major owners and developers:

Hiro Real Estate Co.  
Mendik Realty  
Olympia & York  
Peter J. Sharp  
Rudin Management  
Sam Minskoff & Sons  
Silverstein Properties  
Tishman Speyer Properties  
United Nations Development Corporation  
Uris Buildings Corp.  
Vornado Realty Trust

Education

University of Pennsylvania, A.B. with honors in Sociology -- 1954

Personal

Former President for five years and Member of the Board of Directors for seven years of the 1165  
Fifth Avenue cooperative

Founder and Chairman Emeritus of the Board of the Israel Cancer Research Fund

Resident of Manhattan and Bridgehampton, NY

**CUSTOMER CLAIM**

Claim Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

**BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT SECURITIES LLC**

In Liquidation

**DECEMBER 11, 2008**

(Please print or type)

Name of Customer: S. Donald Friedman  
Mailing Address: 40 Fifth Avenue, Apt. 42A  
City: New York State: New York Zip: 10011  
Account No.: 1F0148 1F0054  
Taxpayer I.D. Number (Social Security No.): \_\_\_\_\_

*Trustee cover forms bio code sheet attached*

**NOTE: BEFORE COMPLETING THIS CLAIM FORM, BE SURE TO READ CAREFULLY THE ACCOMPANYING INSTRUCTION SHEET. A SEPARATE CLAIM FORM SHOULD BE FILED FOR EACH ACCOUNT AND, TO RECEIVE THE FULL PROTECTION AFFORDED UNDER SIPA, ALL CUSTOMER CLAIMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE TRUSTEE ON OR BEFORE March 4, 2009. CLAIMS RECEIVED AFTER THAT DATE, BUT ON OR BEFORE July 2, 2009, WILL BE SUBJECT TO DELAYED PROCESSING AND TO BEING SATISFIED ON TERMS LESS FAVORABLE TO THE CLAIMANT. PLEASE SEND YOUR CLAIM FORM BY CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED.**

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1. Claim for money balances as of **December 11, 2008**:

- a. The Broker owes me a Credit (Cr.) Balance of \$816,234.31
- b. I owe the Broker a Debit (Dr.) Balance of \$ --
- c. If you wish to repay the Debit Balance,  
please insert the amount you wish to repay and  
attach a check payable to "Irving H. Picard, Esq.,  
Trustee for Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC."  
If you wish to make a payment, it must be enclosed  
with this claim form. \$ --
- d. If balance is zero, insert "None." --

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Dallas, TX 75201

Provide your office and home telephone no.

OFFICE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME: \_\_\_\_\_

Taxpayer I.D. Number (Social Security No.)  
\_\_\_\_\_



Account Number: 1F0148  
S DONALD FRIEDMAN  
40 FIFTH AVENUE APT 42A  
NEW YORK, NY 10011

(If incorrect, please change)

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Provide your office and home telephone no.

OFFICE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME: 212-995-2662

Taxpayer I.D. Number (Social Security No.)  
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Account Number: 1F0054

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**NOTE: IF "YES" IS MARKED ON ANY ITEM, PROVIDE A DETAILED EXPLANATION ON A SIGNED ATTACHMENT. IF SUFFICIENT DETAILS ARE NOT PROVIDED, THIS CLAIM FORM WILL BE RETURNED FOR YOUR COMPLETION.**

- |   | <u>YES</u> | <u>NO</u> |
|---|------------|-----------|
| 3. Has there been any change in your account since December 11, 2008? If so, please explain.  | _____      | <u>X</u>  |
| 4. Are you or were you a director, officer, partner, shareholder, lender to or capital contributor of the broker?   | _____      | <u>X</u>  |
| 5. Are or were you a person who, directly or indirectly and through agreement or otherwise, exercised or had the power to exercise a controlling influence over the management or policies of the broker? | _____      | <u>X</u>  |
| 6. Are you related to, or do you have any business venture with, any of the persons specified in "4" above, or any employee or other person associated in any way with the broker? If so, give name(s)    | _____      | <u>X</u>  |
| 7. Is this claim being filed by or on behalf of a broker or dealer or a bank? If so, provide documentation with respect to each public customer on whose behalf you are claiming.                         | _____      | <u>X</u>  |
| 8. Have you ever given any discretionary authority to any person to execute securities transactions with or through the broker on your behalf? Give names, addresses and phone numbers.                   | _____      | <u>X</u>  |
| 9. Have you or any member of your family ever filed a claim under the Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970? if so, give name of that broker.  | _____      | <u>X</u>  |

Please list the full name and address of anyone assisting you in the preparation of this claim form: Howard R. Herman, Esq., Moses & Singer LLP  
The Chrysler Building, 405 Lexington Ave, NY, NY 10174-1299.

9. Have you or any member of your family  
ever filed a claim under the Securities  
Investor Protection Act of 1970? if  
so, give name of that broker. \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the full name and address of anyone assisting you in the  
preparation of this claim form: \_\_\_\_\_

If you cannot compute the amount of your claim, you may file an estimated claim. In that  
case, please indicate your claim is an estimated claim.

**IT IS A VIOLATION OF FEDERAL LAW TO FILE A FRAUDULENT CLAIM.  
CONVICTION CAN RESULT IN A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$50,000 OR  
IMPRISONMENT FOR NOT MORE THAN FIVE YEARS OR BOTH.**

**THE FOREGOING CLAIM IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY  
INFORMATION AND BELIEF.**

Date 6/28/2009

Signature 

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

(If ownership of the account is shared, all must sign above. Give each owner's name,  
address, phone number, and extent of ownership on a signed separate sheet. If other  
than a personal account, e.g., corporate, trustee, custodian, etc., also state your capacity  
and authority. Please supply the trust agreement or other proof of authority.)

**This customer claim form must be completed and mailed promptly,  
together with supporting documentation, etc. to:**

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Attachment to SIPC Claim Form for  
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~~Accounts 1F0054 and 1F0148~~

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Note: These two accounts were treated as one account; I do not know why it was broken into two accounts. Since these accounts have been open since at least 1980, I do not have records showing the deposits into and withdrawals from these accounts. However, below is my estimate of such deposits and withdrawals

Estimated Deposits and Withdrawals

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<b><u>Deposits</u></b>	
1980-1983	\$ 400,000.00
1982	\$ 180,000.00
1985	\$ 360,000.00
1986	\$900,000.00
1987	\$ 300,000.00
1987	\$ 230,000.00
1987-1989	\$ 222,000.00
1989	\$ 600,000.00
1990	\$ 420,000.00
1991	\$ 98,000.00
1994	\$ 750,000.00
1998	\$ 609,000.00
1999	\$ 770,000.00
1999	\$ 800,000.00
1998-2005	\$ 900,000.00
2001	\$ 275,000.00
<b><u>Total Deposits</u></b>	\$ 7,814,000.00
<b><u>Withdrawals</u></b>	
1994	\$ 1,000,000.00
1995-1999	\$ 1,800,000.00
2000-2004	\$ 2,700,000.00
2005-2008	\$ 1,440,000.00
2003	\$ 200,000.00
<b><u>Total Withdrawals</u></b>	\$ 7,140,000.00
<b><u>Excess of Deposits over Withdrawals</u></b>	\$ 674,000.00

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YOUR ACCOUNT NUMBER  
**1-F0054-3-0**

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YOUR TAX PAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER  
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DATE	BOUGHT RECEIVED OR LONG	SOLD DELIVERED OR SHORT	TRN	DESCRIPTION	PRICE OR SYMBOL	AMOUNT DEBITED TO YOUR ACCOUNT	AMOUNT CREDITED TO YOUR ACCOUNT
11/03				BALANCE FORWARD		7,437,450.50	
				DCI MARGIN INTEREST	INT	15,791.84	
				NEW BALANCE		7,453,242.34	
	20,000			SECURITY POSITIONS	MKT PRICE		
	900			AMAZON COM INC	42.700		
	115,000			GOOGLE	292.960		
	25,000			MICROSOFT CORP	20.220		
				PRICELINE COM INC	69		
				MARKET VALUE OF SECURITIES			
				LONG			
				SHORT			
						5,167,964.00	

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				<b>BALANCE FORWARD</b>			<b>2,567,091.00</b>
				<b>NEW BALANCE</b>			
		<b>20,000</b>		<b>SECURITY POSITIONS</b>	<b>MKT PRICE</b>		
		<b>900</b>		<b>AMAZON COM INC</b>	<b>42.700</b>		
				<b>GOOGLE</b>	<b>292.950</b>		
				<b>MARKET VALUE OF SECURITIES</b>			
				<b>LONG</b>			
				<b>SHORT</b>			
				<b>1,117,664.00-</b>			

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11/03	35,916			BALANCE FORWARD OCT MARGIN INTEREST NEW 3 BALANCE SECURITY POSITIONS ALCATEL - LUCENT SPON ADR MARKET VALUE OF SECURITIES LONG SHORT 76,860.24	INT MKT PRICE 2.140	669,492.83 1,421.52 670,914.35	

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				BALANCE FORWARD			2,323,000.00
				NEW BALANCE			
		35,916		SECURITY POSITIONS ALCATEL - LUCENT SPON ADR	MKT PRICE 2.140		2,323,000.00
				MARKET VALUE OF SECURITIES LONG SHORT 76,860.24			

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